



Declaration of Service

WE ARE READY TO SERVE

WE BELIEVE in the ideals that define America: liberty, equality, and justice;

WE BELIEVE the idea of America is ennobled, and the future of America is strengthened, when Americans come together to serve their country;

WE BELIEVE there is no challenge that cannot be met with the energy, creativity, and determination of the American people;

WE BELIEVE all individuals can make a difference and anyone can be great because anyone can serve.

TO LIVE in America is both a blessing and a responsibility, and service to community and country is at the heart of true patriotism. Ever since our Founders pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to each other and the cause of independence, each generation of Americans has stepped forward to serve in the defense of our freedom and ideals.

TO HONOR the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, and to bequeath a stronger and more just nation to future generations, we too stand ready to unite and serve. We pledge to challenge cynicism, and to serve over our lifetimes to secure a brighter future for all.

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WE CALL on each other and leaders from all sectors of American life, private, public, and non-profit, to work together to create ample opportunities for citizens to serve their communities, their country, and the world.

WE ENCOURAGE all communities to build upon the strength of our nation's diversity of ideas, experience, and perspectives as we unite to serve.

WE ARE READY to meet the challenges of our time. We are ready to do our part in America's timeless quest for a more perfect union, and I am ready to begin now by adding my name to this Declaration.

signed on this day

SERVICE
NATION



I Further Pledge

MYSELF TO THE IDEALS OF
SERVICE SET OUT IN THIS DECLARATION BY:

Serving...

- { } at least 50 hours annually as a volunteer with local service organizations, non-profits, hospitals, schools, faith-based institutions or other places of need or through an enterprise or initiative I create.
- { } in a full or part-time national service program like AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, Peace Corps or USA Freedom Corps.
- { } in the active duty US Military, National Guard, or Reserves.
- { } Other

Engaging America's Leaders...

- { } by making service an ideal I promote to the leadership of my place of work, and the leadership of any other organizations to which I belong.
- { } by making service an issue I consider when I vote in local, state and national elections.
- { } by writing or calling my elected leaders to tell them about the impact and importance of service in my community.
- { } by running for elected office and promoting the ideal of citizen service through my own public leadership.

Spreading the word...

- { } by encouraging my friends and family to add their signatures to this Declaration.
- { } by participating in or organizing a community meeting to talk about citizen service, or by organizing a service project.
- { } by writing to the editor of my local newspaper, by making an online video, or by posting to a blog about a service experience or the role of service in my community or nation.

I would like to add a few personal thoughts about what service has meant to me or how I plan to address a specific problem through service
